

Trucker Update

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BLUF

- **On 13 Feb, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continues to gain control of the blockaded area near the Ambassador Bridge with arrests being made and vehicles being towed. The Ambassador Bridge remains closed at this time.**
- On 11 Feb, Ontario declared a state of emergency (SoE). The initial SoE will last for 42 hours; Cabinet is meeting 12 Feb to ratify the order, which will then be in effect for 14 days to protect critical infrastructure such as border crossings, 400 series highways, airports, bridges, and railways.
- **As per ITAC: Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.**
- For information on [planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally](#).

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- **Approx. 10 people on Parliament Hill and minimal people on surrounding streets, however crowds are growing (as of 09:30 13 Feb).**
- Fencing around the War Memorial was removed by protesters on 12 Feb. Discussions are ongoing in regards to re-erecting the fencing when conditions permit.
- On 12 Feb, Ottawa Police Service announced the establishment of an Integrated Command Centre (ICC) with the RCMP and OPP. [Link](#)
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill until 28 Feb.

Windsor, ON:

- **As of 13 Feb, police enforcement actions continue with reports of arrests being made and vehicles towed. Windsor Police is assisted by the OPP in maintaining security of the corridor using vehicles and concrete barriers between Huron Church between College Avenue and Tecumseh Road. The Ambassador Bridge remains closed at this time; the overall situation remains fluid and is ongoing.**
 - o Police move to break up remaining protest at Windsor's Ambassador Bridge. [Link](#)
- NOTAM extended to 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over the protest area.

Sarnia, ON:

- **As of 13 Feb, the Blue Water Bridge remains open in both directions. Sarnia POE remains open with no delays reported but the westbound Hwy 402 remains closed at Nauvoo Rd.**

Fort Erie, ON:

- **As of 13 Feb, protesters have left the area around the Peace Bridge and POE. Niagara Regional Police and OPP remain in the area and are blocking access to Central Ave and nearby QEW ramps. The bridge and Fort Erie POE remain open.**

Cornwall, ON:

- **As of 13 Feb, the Cornwall POE remains open, following a demonstration on 12 Feb. Cornwall Police, OPP, and Akwesasne Police were on site in response to approx. 75 vehicles and 100-150 people participating.**

Toronto, ON:

- **No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb. University Ave, including Queen's Park Circle, remains closed to traffic from Bloor St W to College St. The Gardiner Expy and DVP have reopened.**

· NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.

Winnipeg, MB:

- **No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.**

· NOTAM is in effect restricting airspace over the protest in Winnipeg until 14 Feb.

Emerson, MB:

- **As of 13 Feb, the blockade remains north of the POE. Some traveler traffic is able to enter Canada but commercial and other traffic is rerouted to adjacent POEs. RCMP will continue letting livestock vehicles through.**

Regina, SK and Regway POE:

- **No major impacts were reported at Regway POE as police had set up checkpoints along SK Hwy 6 in response to a planned convoy from Regina on 12 Feb.**

Coutts (Port of Entry) and Edmonton, AB:

- **All services have been temporarily suspended at Coutts POE as of 14:00 EST 12 Feb, as protesters continue to block the highway leading to the POE. Commercial and traveler traffic is crossing at nearby POEs.**

· NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb.

Fredericton, NB:

- **No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.**

· NOTAM extended to 14 Feb for airspace restrictions over the protest area.

Halifax, NS:

- **No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.**

Vancouver, BC and Metro area:

- **As of 07:00 EST 13 Feb, the highway and local roadways leading to/from the Pacific Highway remains restricted to traffic as RCMP have secured the area. Two vehicles and 4-6 protesters remain just off the POE property, blocking all southbound lanes. Approx. 50-60 protesters remain located at 4th Ave, approx. 1km north of the POE.**

· Pacific Highway POE has suspended services and traffic is being redirected to other POEs.

· On 12 Feb, several vehicles including a military-style vehicle broke through an RCMP barricade in south Surrey, BC, on their way to the Pacific Hwy POE.

- Protesters force highway closure at Canada-US border in Surrey as rallies enter 3rd weekend. [Link](#)

Montreal, QC:

- **No major impacts reported from protest activity on 12 Feb.**

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

IMVE:

- **As per ITAC:**

- Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.
- The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.
- The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement. Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.

- IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

International:

- **US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has increased its presence in Los Angeles ahead of Super Bowl LVI, with over 500 DHS personnel providing ground, air, and maritime support. A lead field coordinator and EOC are in place.**
- Police fire tear gas as convoy enters Paris. [Link](#)

Maritime/CCG:

- **On 12 Feb, protesters and approx. 12 vehicles in North Sydney, NS blocked the access road leading to the Marine Atlantic Ferry Terminal. Police took action to tow vehicles and no impact to ferry operations is reported.**
- Marine Security Operations Centres (MSOCs) continue to monitor for vessel traffic anomalies and other reports and information on maritime activities.

Foreign Interference:

- **GAC's Rapid Response Mechanism team (RRM Canada) has not observed any significant indicators of foreign state-linked interference as it relates to the "Truckers Convoy" and notes that much of the content and engagement online has been driven by organic activity by average users and citizens.**
- There has been a notable increase in activity across the American far-right, the IMVE space, conspiracy-driven communities, and anti-vaccine/COVID-disinformation groups – all of which are coalescing around the Ottawa protests, and convoy-related themes/messaging.
 - This is not particularly unique as groups in these communities often shift focus to take advantage of the "issues of the day".
 - There is currently no evidence of state-affiliation with regards to the fake engagements, groups and pages.

Financing:

- **Crowdfunding sites are not a regulated business sector under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA). However, should these sites transact with or through [businesses](#) that are subject to the Act, such as financial institutions, suspicious transactions may be reported.**
- No spike in suspicious transaction reporting amid trucker convoy protests: FINTRAC. [Link](#)
- TD Bank freezes accounts that received money for Canada protests. [Link](#)

Policing Issues of Note:

- **RCMP is assisting in various impacted areas across the country and is focused on areas where enforcement or the risk of escalation is most acute. RCMP does not hold contracts with tow companies nor can they be compelled to assist in removing vehicles at protest sites.**

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- No concerns at this time.

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS:

- On 10 Feb, one of the Ottawa convoy leaders put out an address over social media, saying they will remain in Ottawa "as long as the public wants them to" and calls for the PM to resolve the issue peacefully, reiterating the point about the need to end all mandates.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT: (Derived from information available on open sources)

- **The majority of the events have been peaceful.**
- **Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.**
- **There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.**

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